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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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For communicating between a plurality of communication systems across a network, a communication is established between the communication systems, and an amount of latency affecting communication between the communication systems is determined. The amount of latency may be displayed to a user, compared to a required maximum amount of latency. The amount of latency may also be compensated for to avoid unequal propagation times for game signals or musical signals.